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Number of cases of illicit distillation detected by the Special Prohibition Squad.

* 133 *Q.*—SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of cases of illicit distillation detected by the Special Prohibition Squad since the date of its constitution up to date?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" Two hundred and forty-six cases (up to 10th July 1954)."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—" May I know how many such squads are working in the City?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" Only one, Sir."

SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM:—" In view of the fact that 246 cases have been detected by the Special Prohibition Squad, will the Government think it necessary to extend its life for a further period of one year in the City?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" The suggestion will be considered."

Amount spent on non-gazetted officers for medical aid during 1953–54.

* 134 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount spent on non-gazetted officers for medical aid in the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The information is not available. The time and labour involved to collect the information may not be commensurate with the result to be achieved."

Expenditure on the Library staff of Director of Public Health and on the purchase of books.

* 135 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what part of the allotment for the library attached to the office of the Director of Public Health was expended on the Library staff and on the purchase of books;

(*b*) what arrangements have been made to furnish current and scientific literature on public health matters to the officers and subordinates stationed in the mufassal centres:

(*c*) whether a catalogue of books has been prepared and kept up to date;

(*d*) if so, whether a copy of the catalogue has been furnished for the information of the officers and subordinates of the department;